

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 4-12 were pending in the application. Applicant hereby cancels claims 9-12 without prejudice. Claims 4-8 remain in the application without amendment.

Claims 4-8 have been rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,203. Applicant hereby presents a terminal disclaimer to obviate this ground for rejection.

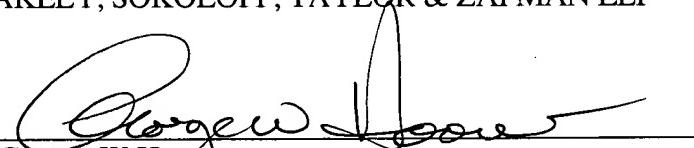
Applicant believes that all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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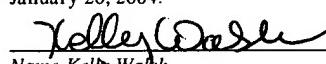
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